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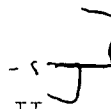
SUBJECT: Suggestions to be Considered in Reply to Basic Dispatch,
LIT-A-1727.

1. [] authorizes monetary and material support at the end of the exploratory five month subsidy period or at such time that we are able to assume a more direct control of the Lithuanian Resistance Movement. It will only be at such time that we would consider with VLIK its needs for the support of resistance activities within Lithuania and for the support of limited organizational activities outside of that country.

2. Consequently, the limited support requested by VLIK for current operations depends upon a fundamental evaluation of the resistance force of the interior. This can only be done after the establishment of regular radio contact between Lithuania and Germany because only at that time will we have access to current and pertinent operational information. Continuing support in the light of the yearly estimate suggested by the basic dispatch has been taken under advisement, but whether or not this support should be given depends ultimately upon the primary evaluation which must follow information from within the country itself. Therefore, when the operational potential of the underground movement has been determined, material and money will be supplied to the extent required by the resistance force and to the extent such supply is consistent with our operational aims.

3. While we are willing to assume a "partnership" attitude with the Lithuanian representatives, we can not logically commit ourselves to the supplying of operational material in the form of weapons, ammunition and explosives until we can determine whether or not it would be feasible to provide such to this group. This in turn must depend upon a basic determination which will be made when all available data concerning the organization, security and operations of the interior force have been ascertained.

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